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SUBJECT: KYRGYZ ATTENDANCE AT TIFA MEETING

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¶1. (U) The Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry notified the Embassy June 26 by diplomatic note that Ambassador Jeenbek Kulubayev, Director of the Foreign Ministry's International Economic Cooperation Department, will represent Kyrgyzstan at the U.S.-Central Asia Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) meeting and related events (reftel). We understand that senior Ministry of Economic Development and Trade officials will not be able to travel to Washington due to their participation in a July 19-20 Millennium Development Goals forum in Bishkek and ongoing preparations for the August 16 Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

¶2. (U) Kulubayev previously worked as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and as the SCO's Deputy Executive Secretary. His prior assignments have focused on Asian affairs. He speaks some English and Chinese.

¶3. (U) Embassy would appreciate receiving a listing of agenda or discussion items in order to help prepare Kulubayev for his participation in the TIFA meeting. Embassy will also remind Kulubayev of the request for a case study regarding a private sector investor in Kyrgyzstan.

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